

Knowing God

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Philippians 3:1–15

1 Finally, my brethren, **REJOICE IN THE LORD. TO WRITE THE SAME THINGS TO YOU, TO ME INDEED IS NOT GRIEVOUS, BUT FOR YOU IT IS SAFE.**

2 Peter 1:12–15

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

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2 **BEWARE OF DOGS, BEWARE OF EVIL WORKERS, BEWARE OF THE CONCISION.**

3 **FOR WE ARE THE CIRCUMCISION, WHICH WORSHIP GOD IN THE SPIRIT, AND REJOICE IN CHRIST JESUS, AND HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH.**

Being a Christian is not behavioral modification. It is not renovating or improving the old to give it a new appearance. Being a child of God is all the old being crucified, put to death, and new life is created from within.

Behavioral modification is the Law, and the Law did not work to save man from sin. There must be the supernatural death and resurrection in Jesus Christ.

Romans 2:28–29

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcison, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcison is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Matthew 16:24

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Galatians 2:20

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Proverbs 3:5–8

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths.

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: Fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be health to thy navel, And marrow to thy bones.

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4 **THOUGH I MIGHT ALSO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH. IF ANY OTHER MAN THINKETH THAT HE HATH WHEREOF HE MIGHT TRUST IN THE FLESH, I MORE:**

5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

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7 **BUT WHAT THINGS WERE GAIN TO ME, THOSE I COUNTED** (*hegeomai - lead, command account, suppose, think*) **LOSS FOR CHRIST.**

Romans 6:3–11

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

11 Likewise RECKON (*logizomai* - to reckon, consider, account, credit) ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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8 YEA DOUBTLESS, AND I COUNT ALL THINGS BUT LOSS FOR THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST JESUS MY LORD: FOR WHOM I HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS, AND DO COUNT THEM BUT DUNG, THAT I MAY WIN CHRIST,

9 AND BE FOUND IN HIM, NOT HAVING MINE OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH IS OF THE LAW, BUT THAT WHICH IS THROUGH THE FAITH OF CHRIST, THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF GOD BY FAITH:

Galatians 5:2–6

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

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10 THAT I MAY KNOW HIM, AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS, BEING MADE CONFORMABLE UNTO HIS DEATH;

It is in the dynamics and chemistry of knowing God individually, personally, intimately, where we experience the divine process of the old being crucified and put to death, and the new coming to life in resurrection power. Knowing Him is the transformation of all things becoming new.

No matter what you face: life, death, trial, adversity, persecution or temptation, you are only as prepared and only as strong as your last encounter with God.

Every hour separated from God's presence is one step closer to failure.

The CHEMISTRY of RELATIONSHIP

1. TIME free of distraction and interruption

Luke 10:39–40

39 *And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.*

40 *But Martha was cumbered about much serving.*

2. **VULNERABILITY** *the surrender of one's will, defenses and privacy*

Psalm 139:23–24

23 *Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts:*

24 *And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.*

3. **LEARNING** *by listening, observing and inquiring*

Psalm 119:33–34

33 *Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; And I shall keep it unto the end.*

34 *Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.*

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11 IF BY ANY MEANS I MIGHT ATTAIN UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

Jeremiah 9:23–24

23 *Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Neither let the mighty man glory in his might, Let not the rich man glory in his riches:*

24 *But let him that glorieth glory in this, That he understandeth and knoweth me, That I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: For in these things I delight, saith the LORD.*